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SERIAL NO. : 10/687,281  
FILED : 10/16/2003  
FOR : MEDICAL SNARE LOOP WITH INDENTATIONS FOR  
CHANGING EFFECTIVE SIZE OF LOOP AND  
ASSOCIATED METHOD  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3763  
EXAMINER : Aamer S. Ahmed

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of October 19, 2006, applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously presented claims, withdrawn claims, and currently amended claims, are presented below. Canceled claims are indicated as being canceled. Underlining indicates additions to the specification and claims, while strikethrough or double brackets indicate deletions.

In support of applicant's position on the patentability of the invention as set forth in the amended claims, applicant submits herewith an Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.